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SUBJ: CUSTOM DUTY ON SHOE IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL

1. CONSULATE HAS BEEN ASKED BY LOCAL WELL-KNOWN TRADING COMPANY BANTRADE (COMPANHIA DE COMERCIO INTERNACIONAL) TO INTERCEDE WITH U.S. CUSTOMS CONCERNING AN EXPORT SHIPMENT OF SHOES TO KINNEY SHOES OF THE U.S. THAT BANTRADE CLAIMS IS BEING TAXED AT AN INCORRECT HIGH RATE OF DUTY. BANTRADE RECEIVED TELEX FROM IMPORTER KINNEY SHOE INFORMING THEM THAT BANTRADE'S MARCH 4 SHIPMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO 12.3 PER CENT COUNTER-VAILING DUTY SINCE BANTRADE UNKNOWN TO U.S. CUSTOMS. SINCE MANUFACTURER OF SHOES STRASSBURGER S.A. - HAS, IN PAST SHIPMENTS, QUALIFIED FOR LOWER DUTY AND SINCE BANTRADE CLAIMS THEY ARE MERELY AN INTERMEDIARY OR EXPORT AGENT FOR STRASSBURGER, THESE SHOES, TRADEMARKED FRANCISCANO ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAME LOWER RATE FO DUTY.

2. BANTRADE'S PARTICIPATION AS AN INTERMEDIARY IS BASED ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 329 ISSUED JULY 16, 1975 BY CENTRAL BANK OF BRAZIL, WHICH PROVIDES LOWRATE INTEREST FINANCING FOR PRODUCTION OF A QUANTITY OF GOODS SPECIFIC TO BE EXPORTED THROUGH A TRADING  
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COMPANY. FINANCING ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AN EXPORT ORDER THROUGH A TRADING COMPANY AND WHO USE THAT SAME TRADING COMPANY WHEN EXPORTING PRODUCTION.

3. IS BANTRADE, AS AN AGENT, ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAME LOWER DUTY RATES THAT HAVE BEEN ASSESSED IN THE PAST AGAINST BANTRADE'S PRINCIPAL - STRASSBURGER?

PLEASE ADVISE.

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